



FACT SHEET

Commerce Initiates Antidumping Duty Investigations of Steel Threaded Rod from India and Thailand and a Countervailing Duty Investigation of Steel Threaded Rod from India

- On July 18, 2013, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) announced the initiation of antidumping duty (AD) investigations of imports of steel threaded rod from India and Thailand and a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation of imports of steel threaded rod from India.
- The AD law provides U.S. businesses and workers with a transparent and internationally approved mechanism to seek relief from the market-distorting effects caused by injurious dumping of imports into the United States, establishing an opportunity to compete on a level playing field. The CVD law provides U.S. businesses, workers, and farmers with a transparent and internationally approved mechanism to seek relief from the market-distorting effects caused by the unfair subsidization of imports into the United States, and thus to have an opportunity to compete on a level playing field.
- For the purpose of AD investigations, dumping occurs when a foreign company sells a product in the United States at less than its fair value. For the purpose of CVD investigations, countervailable subsidies are financial assistance from foreign governments that benefit the production of goods from foreign companies and are limited to specific enterprises or industries, or are contingent either upon export performance or upon the use of domestic goods over imported goods.
- The petitioners for these investigations are All America Threaded Products Inc. (Denver, CO), Bay Standard Manufacturing Inc. (Brentwood, CA), and Vulcan Threaded Products Inc. (Pelham, AL).
- The product covered by the scope of these investigations is certain carbon-quality steel threaded rod, bar, or studs that have been forged, turned, cold-drawn, cold-rolled, machine straightened, or otherwise cold-finished and into which threaded grooves have been applied. It is primarily used in commercial construction in which the threaded rods are cut to required lengths and used to support electrical conduit, pipes for plumbing, HVAC ductwork, and sprinkler pipes for fire protection systems. It is also used for structural tie downs in earthquake and hurricane restraints for roofing, as headless screws in general fastener applications, and for bolting together pipe joints in the waterworks industry.
- In 2012, imports of steel threaded rod from India and Thailand were valued at an estimated \$16.6 million and \$11.1 million, respectively.

NEXT STEPS

- The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) is scheduled to make its preliminary injury determinations on or about August 12, 2013.

- If the ITC determines that there is a reasonable indication that imports from India and/or Thailand materially injure, or threaten material injury to, the domestic industry, the investigations will continue and Commerce will be scheduled to make its preliminary CVD determination in September 2013 and its preliminary AD determinations in December 2013, unless the statutory deadlines are extended. If the ITC preliminary determinations are negative, the investigations will be terminated.

ALLEGED DUMPING MARGINS:

COUNTRY	DUMPING MARGINS
India	17.93 to 119.87 percent
Thailand	63.16 to 74.90 percent

ESTIMATED SUBSIDY RATE:

COUNTRY	SUBSIDY RATE
India	<i>Above de minimis*</i>

* *de minimis* = less than 1% for developed countries, less than 2% for developing countries.

CASE CALENDAR:

EVENT	AD INVESTIGATIONS	CVD INVESTIGATION
Petitions Filed	June 27, 2013	June 27, 2013
DOC Initiation Date	July 17, 2013	July 17, 2013
ITC Preliminary Determinations†*	August 12, 2013	August 12, 2013
DOC Preliminary Determinations	December 4, 2013	September 20, 2013
DOC Final Determinations†	February 18, 2014	December 4, 2013
ITC Final Determinations†**	April 3, 2014	January 21, 2014
Issuance of Orders***	April 10, 2014	January 28, 2014

NOTE: Commerce preliminary and final determination deadlines are governed by statute. For AD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in sections 733(b) and 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. For CVD investigations, the deadlines are set forth in section 703 and 705 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. These deadlines may be extended under certain circumstances.

†Where the deadline falls on a weekend/holiday, the appropriate date is the next business day.

*If the ITC makes negative preliminary determinations of injury, the investigations are terminated.

**This will take place only in the event of final affirmative determinations by Commerce.

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IMPORT STATISTICS:

INDIA	2010	2011	2012
Volume (metric tons)	13,200	15,400	12,200
Value (USD)	16,692,000	20,598,000	16,561,000
THAILAND	2010	2011	2012
Volume (metric tons)	3,400	4,500	11,300
Value (USD)	3,376,000	4,722,000	11,098,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, accessed through Global Trade Atlas. (HTSUS 7318.15.5056, 7318.15.5051, 7318.15.5090, and 7318.15.2095) Some HTSUS subheadings are basket categories and may cover both subject and non-subject merchandise.